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Proclaiming June 2026 as Gun Violence Awareness Month

The month of June has been nationally designated as Gun Violence Awareness Month, with the first Friday in June designated as Gun Violence Awareness Day to bring attention to the serious and traumatic impact gun violence has on the lives of everyday people in the United States. This year, Gun Violence Awareness Day falls on June 5th, 2026. Additionally, June 5-7, 2026, is acknowledged nationally as “Wear Orange” weekend, highlighting gun violence by encouraging people to wear orange to signify support and alliance with the mission to end gun violence in the country. This idea started from when Hadiya Pendleton, a high school student from the south side of Chicago, was shot and killed on a playground.¹ To remember Hadiya, her friends decided to “commemorate her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others.”² Nationally, gun violence remains the leading cause of death of children and young adults through accidental or intentional shootings. As of April 28, 2026, there have been 128 mass shootings across the country, and 402 accidental shootings. In Los Angeles County, 728 residents died from firearm injuries during 2024.

¹ <https://everytownsupportfund.org/how-to-participate-in-wear-orange/#:%7E:text=In%202024%2C%20the%2010th%20National,person%20events%20across%20the%20nation>

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Over half (58%) of these deaths were homicides, and over one third (38%) were by suicide. While the number of firearm deaths has decreased each year since 2021, when 953 Los Angeles County residents died from firearm injuries, there is still more work to be done to continue decreasing the amount of firearm related deaths and injuries in Los Angeles County.

Together, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) have used their platforms to advocate for legislation aimed to address gun violence and have uplifted the importance of gun safety in keeping our communities safer. For the last two years, the Office of Violence Prevention has been providing free gun safety locks and educational materials at Los Angeles County hospitals and libraries and at community events. OVP will also soon resume its program to mail two free gun safety locks and educational materials to people's homes through their website. To date, OVP has distributed over 46,000 free gun safety locks. In addition to distributing gun safety locks, OVP works to educate local service providers and community members about gun violence prevention tools. In 2025, OVP staff provided education and resources to an estimated 11,000 attendees at 98 separate events, including presentations, panels, and community resource fairs. This education is particularly important for raising awareness of Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs), a tool that allows family members, household members, some employers, colleagues, teachers, and law enforcement to file a petition to prevent a person who poses a significant risk of harming themselves or others from having or purchasing a gun, ammunition, or magazine for a specified length of time, between 21 days and five years.³

³ <http://ph.lacounty.gov/ovp/GVROs.htm>

OVP's system navigators are available to assist anyone who may need help filing a GVRO to ensure that people are supported through each step of the process.

In addition to these gun violence prevention efforts, Supervisor Hahn has partnered with various law enforcement agencies and OVP over the last few years to host Gun Buy Back events across the Fourth District to remove unwanted firearms off the streets to be destroyed in exchange for gift cards, while also handing out free gun safety locks. At the most recent Gun Buy Back event in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Norwalk Station and OVP, 289 firearms were collected, bringing the total number of firearms collected and destroyed through Gun Buy Back events since 2022 to 2,967.⁴ Supervisor Hahn will be partnering with the City of Long Beach for the next Gun Buy Back event, which will be on Saturday, June 27th from 9am to 1pm at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, located at 1950 Lemon Avenue in the City of Long Beach 90806.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim:

1. June 2026 as Gun Violence Awareness Month;
2. June 5, 2026, as Gun Violence Awareness Day;
and
3. June 5-7, 2026, as Wear Orange Weekend.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct CEO Countywide Communications to:

1. Promote County and County Department events and services directed towards educating, engaging, and providing residents with information, resources, and services about gun violence and gun safety; and

⁴ <https://hahn.lacounty.gov/hahn-collects-289-firearms-at-gun-buyback-in-south-whittier/>

2. Promote the June 27th Gun Buy Back sponsored by Supervisor Hahn in partnership with Long Beach Police Department at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, located at 1950 Lemon Avenue in the City of Long Beach 90806, on County social media.

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